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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (cancelled) A hammock stand for supporting a hammock comprising:

a covering arch, supported on each of its opposite ends by at least two leg members extending to a supporting surface; and

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means to attach opposite ends of a hammock to opposite ends of said covering and/or said adjacent leg members.

2. (cancelled) The stand of Claim 1, which includes a canopy supported by said

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said covering arch.

3. (cancelled) The stand of Claim 1, wherein said covering arch comprises unitary curved end sections, the upper ends of which are positioned between and affixed to two curved connection sections.

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4. (cancelled) The stand of Claim 2 wherein the said canopy is formed of flexible sheet material suspended over battens extending perpendicularly from said covering arch.

5. (new) A hammock stand for supporting a hammock comprising:

a covering arch, supported on each of its opposite ends by at least two, two leg members extending to a supporting surface; and

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means to attach opposite ends of a hammock to opposite ends of said covering arch and/or said adjacent leg members.

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6. (new) The stand of Claim 5, which includes a canopy supported by said covering arch.

7. (new) The stand of Claim 6 wherein said canopy is formed of flexible sheet material suspended over battens extending perpendicularly from said covering arch.